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## New Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH3) testing now available

### WHAT'S NEW?

On December 7, 2016, the new TSH (TSH3) assay for use on our immunoassay systems will be in effect.

### BACKGROUND

- This new assay replaces the current hTSH assay.
- Standardization to the World Health Organization (WHO) 3rd International Standard (IS) for human TSH (IRP 81/565), which allows for greater confidence in patient results.
- Reliable and accurate results with increased sensitivity as low as 0.01  $\mu$ IU/mL, and a dilution range up to 500  $\mu$ IU/mL.
- The new reagent uses mouse monoclonal antibody instead of goat antibody conjugate. The new assay should reduce the incidence of heterophile interference compared to the current assay.

### HOW TO ORDER NEW TEST

Order TSH tests as you normally would. The order codes have not changed.

Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (LAB129)  
TSH Reflex to FT4 if indicated (LAB2915)  
Thyroid Function Panel (LAB2913)

### QUESTIONS?

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